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Serial No. 09/981,639Remarks

Claims 14-21, 23-28, 30-32, 34-37, 39-46, and 48-58 are pending in the subject application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of certain of the rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, and the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) (over Wallace *et al.*). The Examiner has indicated in the instant application that claims 14-20, 23, 26-28, 30, 31, 34, 37, and 39-45 are allowed. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 21, 24, 25, 32, 35, 36, 46, and 48-58. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 14-20, 23, 26-28, 30, 31, 34, 37, and 39-45 are currently before the Examiner.

Claims 21, 24, 25, 32, 35, 36, 46, and 48-58 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, on the grounds that they contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner's reasons for rejection are set forth at pages 3-6 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully assert that there is adequate written description in the subject specification to convey to the ordinarily skilled artisan that they had possession of the claimed invention and maintain their reasons as set forth in the Amendment dated February 14, 2005. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application to allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 21, 24, 25, 32, 35, 36, 46, and 48-58, thereby rendering the rejections of those claims moot. Thus, the only claims remaining in the subject application are allowed claims 14-20, 23, 26-28, 30, 31, 34, 37, and 39-45. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments presented herein have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicants' agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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